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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR THE EXTRACTION OF
INTRACELLULAR PROTEINS FROM A
FERMENTATION BROTH

Examiner: Anish Gupta

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received and reviewed the Office Communication dated March 30, 2010. A species election to a specific glycol ether has been requested. Applicants hereby elect the species propylene glycol n-propyl ether (PnP) with traverse. Applicants note that the Examiner found that claims 1-21 are generic. Therefore Applicants submit that the species relate to a single inventive concept. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the species requirement. Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Applicants hereby request that all claims be considered.

The points and concerns raised in the Communication have been addressed in full herein, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should there be any remaining concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expedite the prosecution of this application.